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# End the Phantom Hunt

The U.S. House of Representatives has another reason to abandon its projected investigation of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Two reasons already exist; The open conflict between the investigating committee's chairman, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, and its chief counsel, Richard A. Sprague, and Sprague's proposal to spend \$13 million on a hunt for phantom conspirators.

Now, an intensive eight-month review of the original FBI investigation by the Justice Department finds the inquiry into the King murder was "a credible and thorough job" — and produced no evidence that anyone other than James Earl Ray was involved.

Although no new review has been made by the Justice Department of the investigation of President Kennedy's murder, the

result, we think, would be the same. In the 12 years since the Warren Commission report was issued, none of its various critics has offered any tangible proof that Lee Harvey Oswald had confederates in the assassination.

The conspiracy theory has strong appeal to a large number of citizens. They can't bring themselves to believe that President Kennedy was killed by one politically irrational misfit or Dr. King by a black-hating small-time criminal. Yet all the evidence which the vast investigative resources of the Federal Government have been able to assemble supports no other conclusion.

Theories to the contrary are based on conjecture, supposition and imagination.

It's time for the House to call off its phantom hunt and let President Kennedy, Dr. King — and the taxpayers — rest in peace.